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Sir:

Applicant makes the following amendments to the Specification, Claims and Drawings in the referenced PCT application. The Specification and Drawings were amended in the RO/US. However, those amendments were not included in the International Publication. Therefore, Applicant restates those amendments, as well as a new amendment to the claims.

In the Specification:

On page 5, after the 6th line, insert the following 4 paragraphs::

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of a sheet of 60 Nitinol with blade blanks shown,

Fig. 12 is a perspective view of an extruded bar of 60 Nitinol with a blade blank shown,

Fig. 13 is a perspective view of a furnace for treatment of blade blanks,
and,

Fig. 14 is a perspective view of a water bath.